

You must discuss this application with your sport's governing body and your school, who must provide written and signed references. These should be attached to your application.

School contact Name:

Tel No:
Email:

Coach contact Name:

Tel No:
Email:

I have read the information and believe I meet the SSSAA criteria of excellence.

Date:

Signed:

Remember to attach any evidence of achievement, together with your letters of support as described in the information leaflet and send the completed form to:

SSSAA
c/o Leisure Services
Shropshire Council
Shirehall
Abbey Foregate
Shrewsbury
SY2 6ND


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& Athletics Association



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If you would like further details of this grant scheme, or if you or someone you know would like this publication in large print, Braille or on audio tape, please contact us and this will be arranged.

If you would like this publication in another language, we can translate it for you. Please contact Shropshire Council on 01743 255071 or email:

leisure@shropshire.gov.uk

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Kelly Edwards
Commonwealth Judo Silver
Medalist 2014 and former
Shropshire School pupil

Grants Available to Assist Development

"The Pupils Gifted in Sport scheme is unique to Shropshire. Without the support, motivation and financial assistance from the PGIS in my early sporting days I would not have been able to fund the necessary events and training camps that aided my development through the levels. Ultimately, this support, at such an important time, allowed me to progress to the Olympic level that I always aspired to". Kelly Edwards

Shropshire Council and Telford & Wrekin Council supported by the Walker Trust provide funding to the Shropshire Schools' Sports and Athletics Association (SSSAA) to help assist the development of pupils gifted in sport.

who can qualify for help?

Any pupil...

- whose home address is normally in Shropshire
- who is under the age of nineteen
- who is in or continuing in full-time education in an affiliated school or college in Shropshire

can qualify for assistance if they meet the SSSAA criteria of excellence, within the following categories:

- Current International
- National Squad Members
- Regional Squad

what help is available?

Monetary grants, *normally up to a maximum of £500 for each application, can be given to assist with any costs involved with the ongoing development of an individual pupil's gift. For example, these costs could be for the purchase of specialist equipment; specialist training; representation at national/international level, and so on.

* The SSSAA will have the power to exceed this limit for exceptional cases and circumstances.

An individual is not precluded from making more than one application per year. The intention is to try to assist individuals with their ongoing development as and when they need financial help.

will everyone who applies get a grant?

NO. When the funding has been spent in any financial year no more will be available until the next financial year.

In addition, in fulfilling their responsibilities to ensure the criteria are met, the SSSAA will be the final arbiter of which individuals are to benefit at any given time from the funds available.

how do I apply?

Complete the application form attached to this leaflet. Attach all supporting evidence of your achievements to date. Attach letters of support from your:

- National Coach and/or sports governing body/other person representative of your sport
- school Headteacher/college Principal or head of PE, and send it to:

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The SSSAA will then liaise, as necessary, with your sports governing body and decide your application.

Applications will be considered three times each year - deadlines for receipt of applications are 1st February, 1st June and 1st October.

The SSSAA will inform you, in due course, of the outcome of your application.

who can I talk to if I need more information about the scheme?

**Sean McCarthy
Sports Development Officer
Shropshire Council
Tel: (01743) 255071
leisure@shropshire.gov.uk**

Please ensure you provide as much information as possible to help the Awards Panel in making their decision on your application.

SSSAA Pupils Gifted in Sport application for financial assistance

Name:

Telephone:

E-mail Address:

Home address:

Date of Birth:

If still in compulsory school age tick box:

School/College attended:

Post-16 Full-time course being undertaken, where applicable:

Sport and Representative level:

Membership of any related sports/athletics club:
(give club name and address)

Financial assistance required for: (include details of actual costs involved. If an event is involved give dates when it takes place)

Please continue on a separate sheet of paper if necessary.